Efrel is a gemstone which grows inside the thorn shellfish that have a certain shape.

You don't need a lot of people to farm these shellfish, but you need the right equipment and enough experience.

This village near the seaside's main source of income is farming Efrel. It's a very remote place, and is so small that it can hardly be called a village.
Kisa's house and my house are nearby, but to go to other houses, you have to walk a lot.
...I almost drowned at the sea sometime ago
I was confident in my swimming. ..but my leg got a cramp.

When I opened my eyes,
I could see Kisa's face.

My mind became
confused for a moment,
because of the shock
from fainting..

When I looked
into his eyes,
all of my
memories
came back

...Kisa.

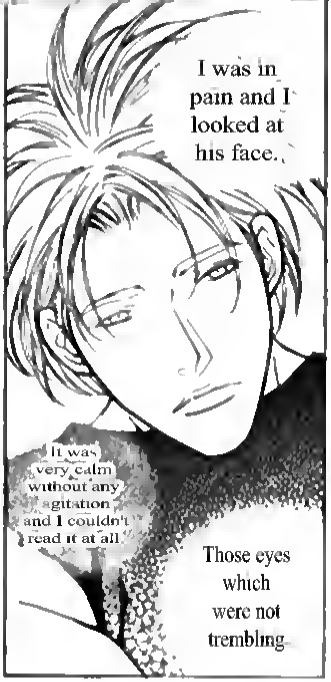
Smile

Are you okay, Koon?
I think you threw up all the water.
Ah.. yeah.
If you are okay, then that's good.

After the old man who lived alone died, the boy who was around my age and the old man's grandson moved into the house next to mine. My parents were still alive then.
He learned how to farm the Efrel which was the life of this village, and he started living at that house.
We didn't have a lot of people around our age, so we got friendly quickly.
When he felt good, he had a kind expression.
Mostly I couldn't read his expression.
And sometimes... I felt that his unreadable face was so cold it made me shiver.

I thought that sometimes he actually hated me...

One day, we were playing around and fighting with each other for fun and he choked me.


I was in pain and I looked at his face.
It was very calm without any agitation and I couldn't read it at all.
Those eyes which were not trembling.

I thought that he must really want to kill me.

He let go then.

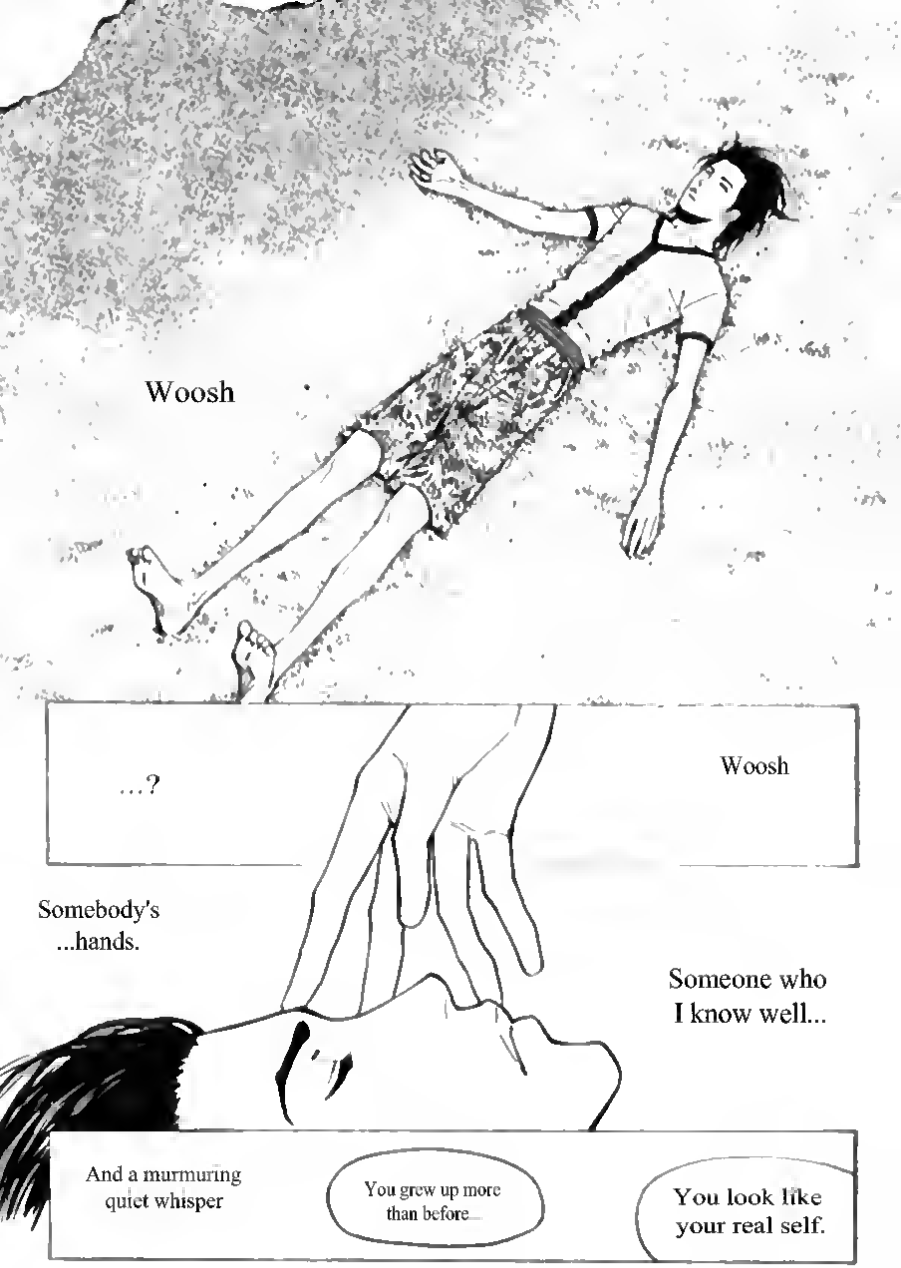
Sfx Cough cough

It was hard for me to understand him.

Even so, we were friendly.

And few years ago, my parents died in an accident on the sea.

Close to my ear...
He whispered something like a murmur
...Finally.
...I could have misheard him.
At that time, I was barely conscious.
And after that and until now, we are farming Efrel and living here together,
And our live is peaceful without any change...


Woosh
...?
Woosh
Somebody's
...hands.
Someone who
I know well...
And a murmuring
quiet whisper
You grew up more
than before...
You look like
your real self.

As we do this more, you look more like your real self
And I will be... truer to myself.
I don't understand . . .what he means.
Woosh
My memories which I gave you are closer to what I truly feel about you.
Even if I can hear them, I don't understand the meaning of his words.
Is that...so? Is this state lasting longer than usual?
Is it because you're close to your real self that you're not waking up to the truth?
...
No...maybe this is truer than your real life.
Woosh
If that is so ...I could accept it as it is.
Well...even if it's not true ...I would still accept it.
...I like the sea.
Woosh
I like this hot sun.

Soft sand, which is pale purple color.
Sometimes there is wind with moisture in the air-
When that wind caresses me and I open my eyes,
There is Kisa beside me.
Did you wake up?
You like sleeping in a place like this
I'm not responsible if you're swept away by the waves.
Woosh
Kisa...
Woosh
Yeah.

I really like this place...
...
Yeah,
Me too.
When Kisa is feeling pleasant, he's kind
The sand here... it's still on your clothes
Are you hungry?
You've been sleeping all afternoon without eating anything
Wake up Let's go and eat something
Ugh

When you go home, you have to brush all the sand out.
When he scolds me, which he doesn't usually do, he even looks cute.
Smile
....
?
...Kisa?

Why are you suddenly like that?
Do you feel bad?
No...
No.
.....
Woosh

...It's funny.
Woosh
I didn't...think that I would be agitated like this
.....?
I didn't...expect you to smile at me when you see me
What do you mean?
You've known me since I was young.
...Yes.
Haha haha.
Did I want something like this like everybody else has?
Woosh
You smile - and you are happy-
And to see you like that...
No...it's just because it's fresh.
I have never seen you like this before.
.....?

Do you think I'll stop tormenting you?
Do you think I want to make you happy?
Everything is you,
And for me, there is only you.
Darkness and light both exist for everybody, so why should we try to separate them?

...But those two are different!
If people think like you, they can't behave ethically.
Yes,
I don't have something like that Ethics
And do you know what Koon?
If you don't hesitate to torment someone,
That is the beginning of the way to destruction.
But why is destruction bad?
Everything must someday come to an end.

I've always believed that
I still do now
.....
What is he talking about?
Soft hair...
...Do you like me?

Sure,
You're my ' oldest friend.
I want to hear your heart now- your feelings.
Forget about memories
Do you like me?
Do you hate me?
You're a little strange today.
Tell me.

...
Of course...
I don't hate you.
Yeah.
I like you.
And...he grabbed my back like it was going to disappear soon, and closed his eyes...
He breathed in deeply, and breathed out.

Woosh
Woosh

Well, this could be good. Nobody knows me well like he does-
And I don't hate him...
His sleeping face is quite lovely.

Something-
It feels like something is missing...
I think I'm forgetting ..something important..
What is it...?
..Sometimes anxiety which I couldn't understand swept through me,
But mostly I was peaceful and happy.
Look at that, Kisa.
Those are seabirds, right?

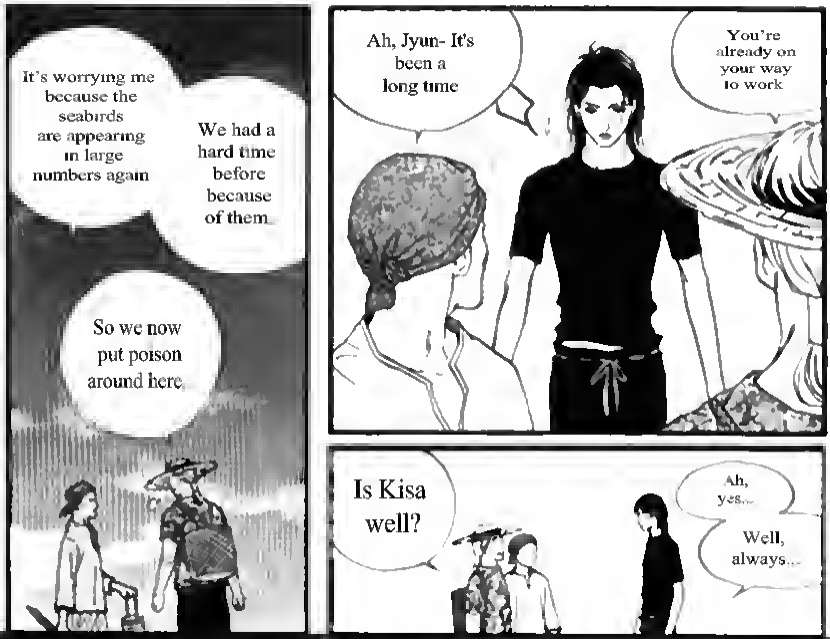
...Yes.
They don't often show up around here-
It's been a long time.
They are the natural enemy of Efriel farming
They eat the thorn shellfish
Are you going to catch them?
....
Don't catch them, please

Even if I don't catch them, other people will
.....
My heart hurts .
Why does it hurt so much?
Koon.
...Ouch...
What's beside you now is me.
Don't think about things other than me
.....
But I'm always with you...

Then always think about me.
...Kisa?
Do you think you can't do it?
It's possible
I always do.
.....
What's making you scared?
...
Me.

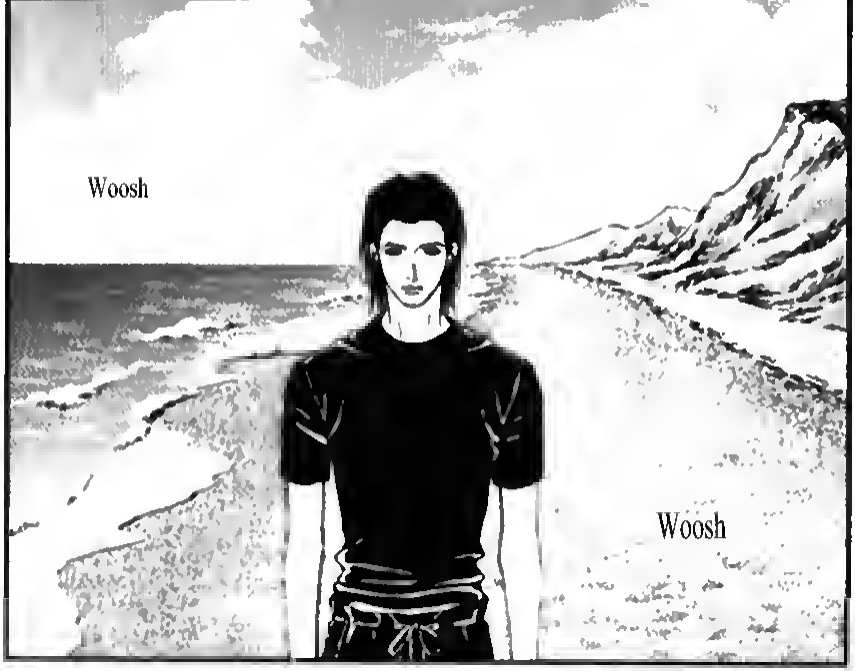
Just when I think that I finally know him-

I realise that I don't know him at all...


It's worrying me because the seabirds are appearing in large numbers again
We had a hard time before because of them.
So we now put poison around here.
Ah, Jyun- It's been a long time
You're already on your way to work
Is Kisa well?
Ah, yes...
Well, always...
The morning sun is coming up and there are a lot of thorn shellfish

...This should be enough for today.
Anyway, in the afternoon, Kisa is going to come again and look it over.
Well, it's easier to check the normal stuff that I do everyday when under the water.
But after that incident when I nearly drowned, I don't like swimming much...
Well, it will get better as time passes...
Today, it's going to be good weather...
Woosh
촤아아아

Woosh
...
What's that?
Some kind of bundle of clothing


Woosh
Woosh

Squirt
Squirt
Squirt
Squirt
Hit

Explode

Aaaaaaaaah!

Aaaaaah!
Broken wings,
Dead wings.

I knew...
My Sanka,
She can't fly.
There is no salvation.

Sfx Woosh

차 아 아 아

You were successful

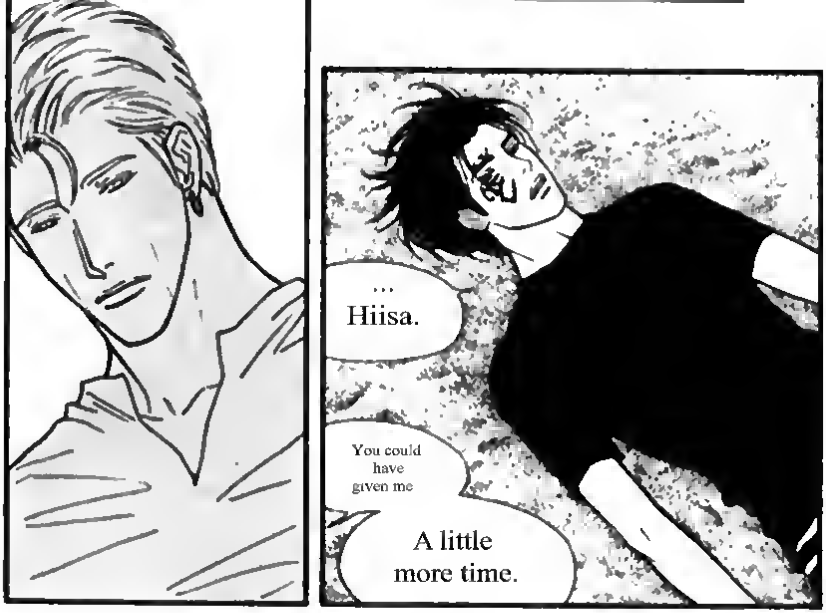
차 아 아

This time you did.

Are you happy Koon

차 아 아 아

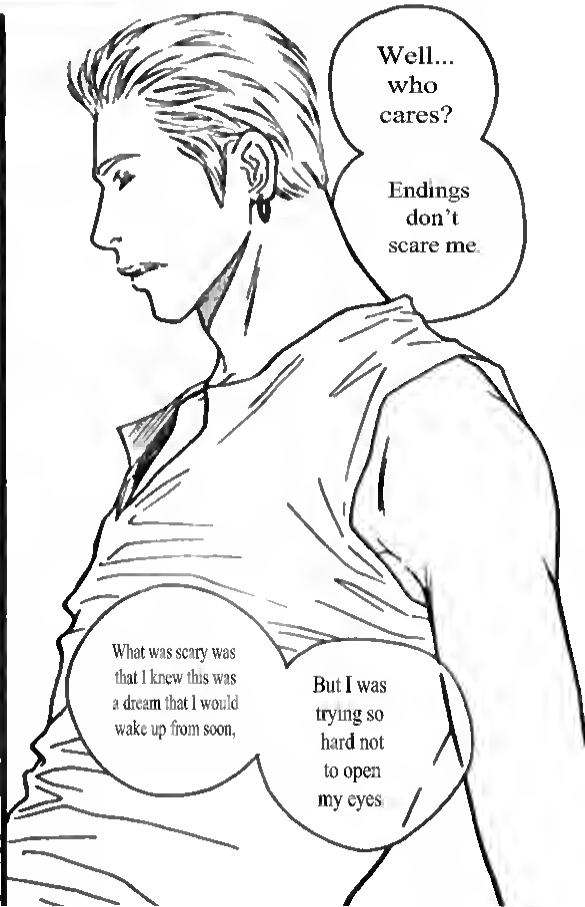
Sfx Woosh


...
Hiisa.
You could have given me
A little more time.

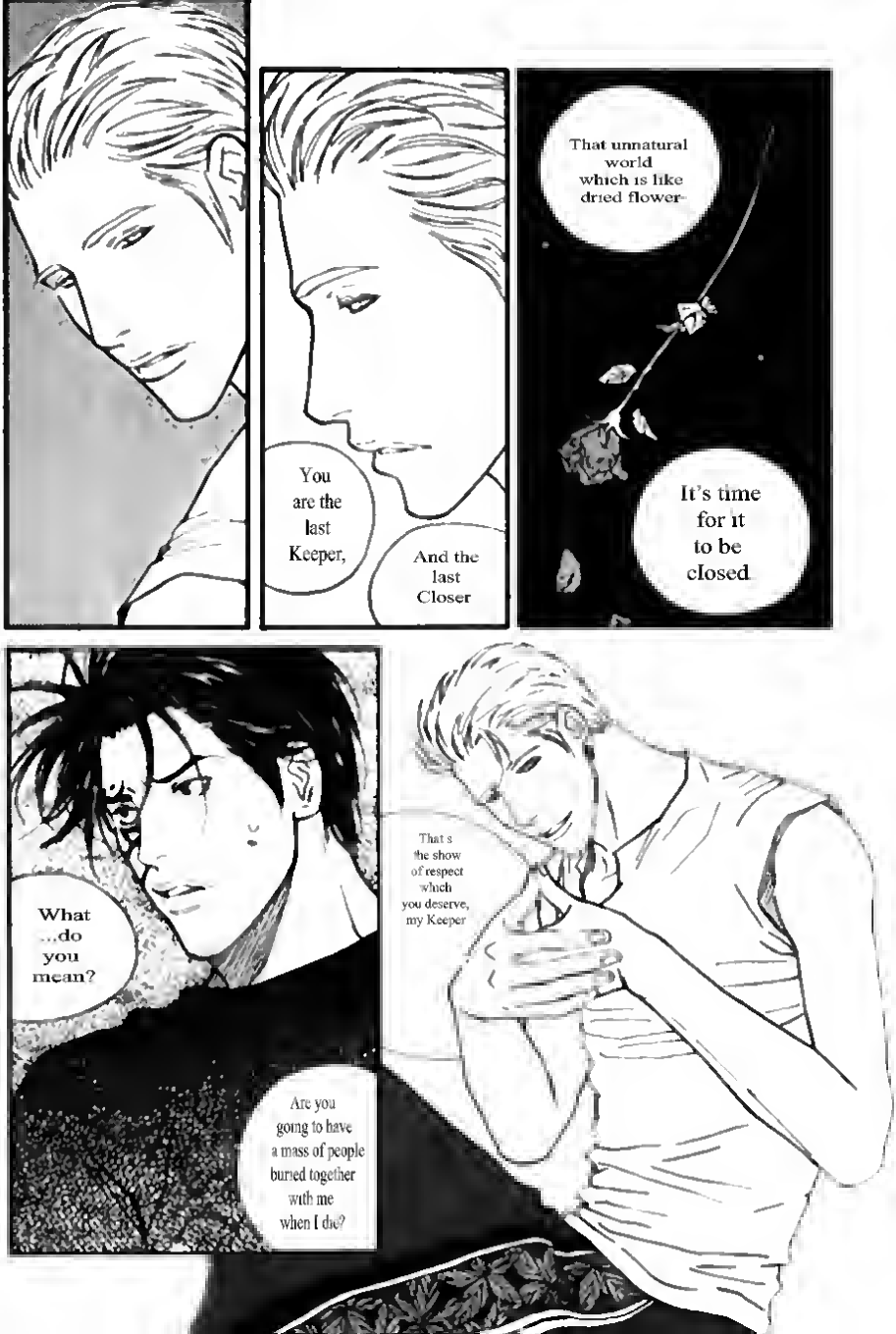
Woosh
A little more...

Well...
Yes,

Even if you are with me for a long time-
I could never have you completely.
When you discover your real self, you will slip through my fingers.
I knew something like that would happen.


Well... who cares?
Endings don't scare me.
What was scary was that I knew this was a dream that I would wake up from soon,
But I was trying so hard not to open my eyes.

So it's good.
I'm fully satisfied.
.....
Hiisa,
.....
Take it...
Now...
Before it's late.


You are the last Keeper,
And the last Closer
That unnatural world which is like dried flower-
It's time for it to be closed
What ...do you mean?
Are you going to have a mass of people buried together with me when I die?
That s the show of respect which you deserve, my Keeper

Damn it...
Hiisa...!
You will die soon
Koon,
You know that?
.....
Leave it alone.
It doesn't matter to you what will happen after

Do you know what kind of a person you are?
Well?
You are horribly selfish.
Hahahaha,
Mages are not people which will be missed after they're dead.
Woosh
Dry dust crumbling
It looks alive, but when you blow on it, it disappears without a trace.
Yes.
I always did the things which I wanted to do.

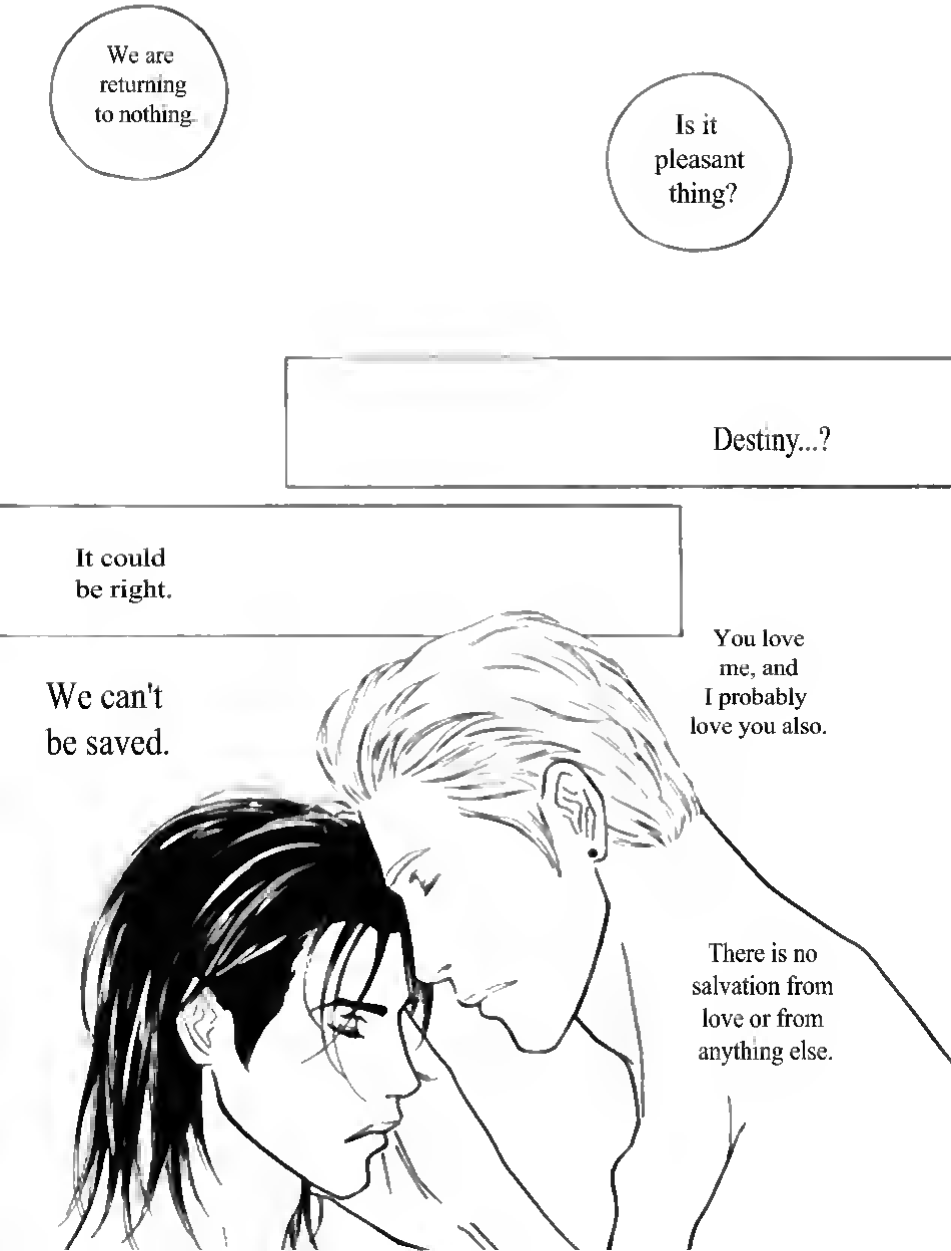
It's good- for the /mark/ to disappear
I feel quite refreshed about it.
Woosh..
Ah...
Today is really a nice day
Woosh
It's lucky to end it here, right?
You like this place.

Woosh
.....
...When I first saw you...
That boy is the one that they are educating as the next Keeper.
He will be your enemy, so watch him closely.
That sight-
It clearly pierced my brain,
Like a stigma.

So I had to keep thinking about it...
Because I was already pierced with a stigma
Woosh
Woosh
...Hiisa?
Yeah ...
Woosh

Why ...?
Why did you do it...?
I knew that I was headed for destruction. I probably felt it
But you know...
That didn't matter at all.
I couldn't help myself.

Absolute command.
Do you know?
The voice inside you which rings throughout your body
There is no other way.
It had left your hand already at that time
...I know.
I know what it is
It's funny What is that?
Destiny?
...Anyway, who cares what it is?
We are going to disappear soon


We are returning to nothing.
Is it pleasant thing?
Destiny...?
It could be right.
We can't be saved.
You love me, and I probably love you also.
There is no salvation from love or from anything else.

Because...the humans can never get away from themselves.

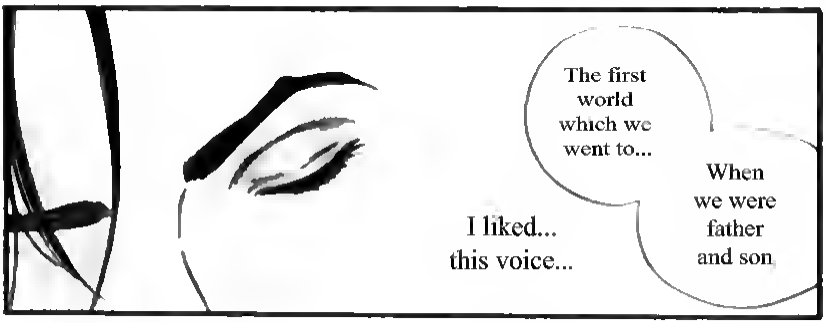
It's impossible to escape it.

Even if you close your eyes and lie to yourself that you're a different person...
When you open your eyes you are back to where you were before, without any change
So...this is the end.
Woosh
Did I want to live with you...
Or did I want to die with you?

Yeah ..it's very good
There's going to be some kind of end, finally.
My Keeper
My Closer
I think I wanted to die with you just as much as I wanted to live with you,
So this situation is quite a happy one for me.
Mine.
You are not Ember's or Sanka's.

Like always...

His caress...which touches my hair softly,



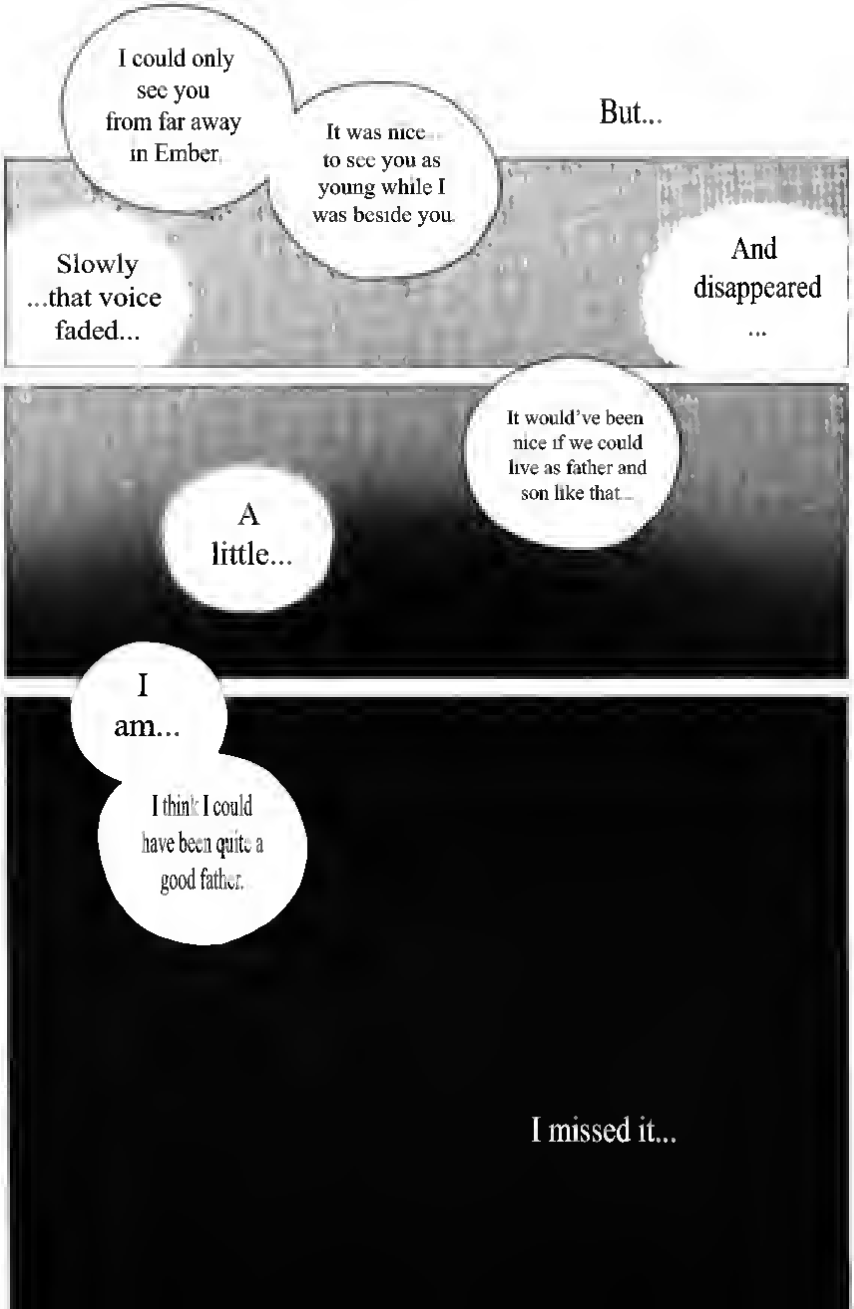
It doesn't matter now.

You were really cute then

When I looked at you, I remembered the first moment when I saw you...

I am going to disappear.

Yes.


I could only see you from far away in Ember.
It was nice... to see you as young while I was beside you.
But...
Slowly ...that voice faded...
And disappeared ...
It would've been nice if we could live as father and son like that...
A little...
I am...
I think I could have been quite a good father.
I missed it...

Woosh
Woosh

Woosh
Woosh

Woosh

Woosh

The Closer closed the Ember.

Every Spell is over now.

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